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Amory, jun., Esq., being engaged in preparing a biographical memoir of his grandfather, James Sullivan, first President of this Society, and afterwards Governor of Massachusetts, be allowed by the Librarian to make use of any manuscript in our rooms, under the rules of the Society; and that he may consult any volumes in the library, with liberty to borrow any of the latter which members would be permitted to take, giving receipt therefor; and this indulgence shall extend for one year from this date.

Dr. WEBB read sundry passages from the sheets of a work now in press, being the "Life of the late John Howland," written by Rev. Edwin M. Stone.

SPECIAL MEETING, DEC. 22.

A special meeting of the Society, called by the Standing Committee, was held at the house of the Recording Secretary, Joseph Willard, Esq., No. 60, Pinckney Street, Boston, on Monday evening, Dec. 22, at half-past seven o'clock; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The President, as the result of his examination of the Records of the Society touching the number of times the Society had celebrated the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims, reported, — That there had been various propositions to that effect, but that there had been only one such celebration; viz., on Dec. 22, 1813,

at King's Chapel in Boston, when the services were, — prayer by Rev. Dr. Freeman, discourse by Judge Davis, prayer by Rev. Dr. Holmes, and an appropriate hymn composed for the occasion by Mr. N. L. Frothingham. Mr. Quincy and Mr. Savage are the only members still living who were present on that occasion.

The President communicated, as a donation from Colonel Benjamin Loring, a curious manuscript copy of Keating's History of Ireland in the Irish tongue.

The thanks of the Society were voted to Colonel Loring for this gift.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be instructed to consider the best mode of preserving and perpetuating the Records of the Society; also that they be instructed to procure a copy of the portrait of the late Samuel Appleton, our munificent benefactor.

JANUARY MEETING. — 1857.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 8, at noon, at their rooms in Tremont Street, Boston; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr. Brigham was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Dr. Lunt, being absent from the country, *Voted*, That the Recording Secretary be requested to act as Corresponding Secretary until the further order of the Society.